



# St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

November 16, 2025  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1515 Western Ave.  
Grafton, ND 58237

We are asking that you pray 3 Hail Marys after each Mass for people to come back to their Catholic Faith.

## **Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 5:00 pm, St. John, Grafton  
Sunday: 7:30 am, Sacred Heart, Oakwood  
9:30 am, St. John, Grafton  
11:30 am, Spanish Mass (May - Aug)

## **Reconciliation - Confession**

Saturday: 4:15 - 4:45 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 - 9:20 am  
Sunday: 11:00 - 11:20 am (May - Aug)  
Daily Confession: Available before Mass  
Tuesday - Friday  
Tuesdays: 7:30 - 9 pm

**The Parish Office: 701-352-1648**

**Pastor:** Fr. Jeff Eppler

Fr. Jeff's Cell Phone 1-314-750-8937

**Deacon:** Deacon Michael Grzadzielewski

**Business Manager:** Carla Trahan

**Parish Secretary:** Kathy Swanson

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**Bulletin - find it at [stjohnsgrafton.com](http://stjohnsgrafton.com)**

## **St. John the Evangelist**

**Parish Lay Directors:** Carol Bina  
Paul Dusek

**Pastoral Council:** Marta Balderas, Michelle Demester, Tony Dumas, Nancy Miller, Frank Benito Pinta, Brent Risky

**Finance Council:** Matt Beneda, Carol Bina, Paul Dusek, Frank Janousek, Ron Koester

**Youth Committee:** Marta Balderas, Kendall Groves, Julie McCann, Jackie Osowski, Jessica Pankow

## **Sacred Heart - Oakwood**

**Parish Lay Directors:** Brian LeClerc, Lori Cyr

**Pastoral/Finance Council:** Cindy Collette, Mark Gourde, Brian LeClerc, Bobby Osowski, Lee Osowski, Susan Suda

**Baptism Prep Class:** - The next class is on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space. Call 352-1648 to register.

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**In the Church:** Tuesday from 6pm - 10pm

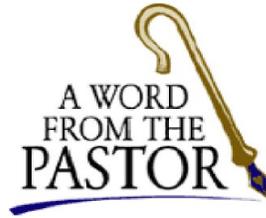
**In the Chapel:** Wednesday from Noon - 10pm  
Thursday from 6pm - 10pm  
Friday from 7am - 9am

## **Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary:**

8:30pm Tuesdays in Church  
6:00pm Fridays after Mass

Need a ride to church on Sunday:  
Call Frank Janousek at 520-1730

**Bulletin deadline is noon on Wednesdays.**



The following is a story recorded in the book *Purgatory* by Fr. Schoupe from the life of the mystic St. Lidwina of Scheidam (1433 A.D.) regarding an experience she had of purgatory.

A sinful man was converted by her prayers and was able to make a good confession, but he died soon after, unable to do much penance. After some time, she asked her guardian angel if he was still in Purgatory, and she had this vision:

"He is there," said her angel, "and he suffers much. Would you be willing to endure some pain in order to diminish his?" "Certainly," she replied, "I am ready to suffer anything to assist him." Instantly her angel conducted her into a place of frightful torture. "Is this, then, Hell, my brother?" asked the holy maiden, seized with horror. "No, sister," answered the angel, "but this part of Purgatory is bordering upon Hell."

Looking around on all sides, she saw what resembled an immense prison, surrounded with enormously high walls, the blackness of which, together with the monstrous rocks, inspired her with horror. Approaching this dismal enclosure, she heard a confused noise of lamenting voices, cries of fury, chains, instruments of torture, violent blows which the executioners discharged upon their victims. This noise was such that all the tumult of the world, in storms or battle, could bear no comparison to it.

"What, then, is that horrible place?" asked the Saint. Her angel responded, "Do you wish me to show it to you?" "No, I beseech you," she said, recoiling with terror; "the noise which I hear is so frightful that I can no longer bear it; how, then, could I endure the sight of those horrors?"

Continuing her mysterious route, she saw an angel seated sadly on the curb of a well. "Who is that angel?" she asked of her guide. "It is," he replied, "the angel-guardian of the sinner in whose lot you are interested. His soul is in this well, where it has a special Purgatory."

Lidwina desired to see that soul which was dear to her, and try to release it from that frightful pit. Her angel took off the cover of the well and a cloud of flames, together with the most pathetic cries, came forth. "Do you recognize that voice?" said the angel to her. "Alas! yes," she answered. "Do you desire to see that soul?" he continued. The angel called him by his name, and immediately she saw appear at the mouth of the pit a spirit all on fire, which said to her in a voice scarcely audible, "O Lidwina, servant of God, who will give me to contemplate the face of the Most High?"

The sight of this soul gave her such a shock that she awoke suddenly from her ecstasy. The persons present, perceiving her fear, asked her its cause. "Alas!" she replied, "how frightful are the prisons of Purgatory! It was to assist the souls that I consented to descend there. Without this motive, if the whole world were given to me, I would not undergo the terror which that horrible spectacle inspired."

Some days later, the same angel whom she had seen so dejected appeared to her with a joyful countenance; he told her that the soul of his protege had left the pit and passed into the ordinary Purgatory. St. Lidwina continued to pray for the poor man, and to apply to him the merits of her sufferings, until she saw the gates of Heaven opened to him.

Let us never waver in our prayers for the deceased. They need all the help we can give them. They will never forget those who helped them get to heaven. Their gratitude is perfect.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Saturday, November 15** St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +

5:00 pm - Chad Demers +

**Sunday, November 16** 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am - Parishioners

9:30 am - Hiladore Osowski +

3:00 pm - Holy hour for the return of lapsed Catholics

**Monday, November 17** St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, November 18** The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

5:15 pm - Charlie Tweten +

7:30-9:00pm - Confession in the Church

**Wednesday, November 19**

5:15 pm - Darryl Lutovsky +

**Thursday, November 20**

5:15 pm - Frank Suda +

**Friday, November 21** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON**

5:15 pm - Linda Babinski +

**Saturday, November 22** St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +

5:00 pm - Jodean Collette +

**Sunday, November 23** OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:30 am - Evarist "Evie" Barta +

9:30 am - Parishioners



Please pray for the Souls in Purgatory

**Please Pray for the Sick:**

Tom Almond, Joan Brien, Angie Carriere, Vida Carroll, Pastor Robin Dill, Heather Dumas, Greg Dusek, Pat Dusek, Faya El Sarraf, Alex Emslander, Nick Emslander, Barbara Foerster-Estad, Lori Fox, Melinda Harder, Cyril Johnson, Dorothy Koester, Mary Ellen LaBaw, Jim LaBine, Daniel LaHaise, Diane Lee, Lori McMahn, Steve Michels, Betty Novak, Nicole Pride, Hope Reis, Monica Rudnik, Maxine Schanilec, Maury Staffne, Julius Wangler, Kay Wilebski, Judy Wolter

**Pre-K and Kindergarten (4/5 year olds)** - Will be meeting during 9:30am Mass. We have a schedule of the following Sundays:

**Sundays in November 16 & 23**

**Sundays in December 7 & 14**

**10,000 Rosaries for Grafton!**

We have prayed 9273 rosaries!

Keep praying because we need God's grace to convert Grafton & surrounding towns!

**Saving souls one bead at a time!**



"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us." 2 THESSALONIANS 3:9

## STEWARDSHIP

Let us honor God with our first fruits!  
Praise the Lord!

**St. John the Evangelist**

Given November 9, 2025 - \$5,455.00

God's Gift Appeal Goal for 2025 = \$87,229.45

Given to date: \$ 45,320.04 (53.54%)

St. John's - **\$34,500** Average expenses per month (salaries, utilities, regular monthly bills)

This does **not** include maintenance projects or ministries.

**Sacred Heart - Oakwood**

Given November 9, 2025 - \$2,155.00

God's Gift Appeal Goal for 2025 = \$ 9,148.44

Given to date: \$ 5,140.00 (56.73 %)

## UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Holy hour for the return of lapsed Catholics	Sun., Nov. 16, 3:00pm
Bible Study	Mon., Nov. 17, 7:00pm
OCIA for Adults	Tues., Nov. 18, 6:30pm
Confession in the Church	Tues., Nov. 18, 7:30-9pm
Rosary walk for life	Wed., Nov. 19, 6:30am
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Nov. 19, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Nov. 19, 7:30pm
St. John Quilters	Thurs., Nov. 20, 9:30am

## ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE

Given this week \$ 625.00

## Undone Women's Retreat

Ladies, do you sometimes feel weighed down by the burdens of life? Do you desire to feel the love of God the Father in a new way and experience the full flowering of your feminine genius? Jesus declared, "I have come that they might have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10) He wants to bring liberation and fullness to your life, firmly planting you in the conviction that not only are you good, you're His.

Blending teaching, prayer, and experiences deeper than words the **Undone Women's Retreat** has powerfully enabled thousands of women to be soaked in and transformed by this life-changing truth. Will you be next?

The retreat will take place on **November 20-22, 2025** and can be attended **in-person** at Sts. Anne and Joachim Church in Fargo, via **livestream**, or even a **hybrid** of the two. Check out the details and reserve your spot today by visiting [www.fargodiocese.org/undone](http://www.fargodiocese.org/undone). You will not regret it.



**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!** The Christmas Extravaganza will be on Sunday, December 7 from 10:30am - 2:00pm. We need donations of NEW items, canned and baked goods for St. Nick's Sweet Shop, the Silent Auction, Mini Raffle items or monetary donations. You can drop off the items at the parish office Monday - Thursday from 8:30am - 4:00pm or on Fridays until 11:00am. If you have any questions, please call Mickey at (701) 331-3874. Thank You!



# **Christmas Extravaganza**

**St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church**

**1515 Western Ave, Grafton, ND**

**Sunday, December 7, 2025**

**From: 10:30am To: 2:00pm**

**Lunch: (Free Will Donation)**

Pulled Pork Sandwiches

French Fries

St. Nick's Sweet Shop (Bake Sale)

Silent Auction

Mini Raffle

Ice Cream Sundaes

Ornament Making

Cookie Decorating

Goody Gum Drop Walk

50/50 Drawing @ 2pm - \$1.00/ticket

Santa Claus will be here

For more information contact Mickey (701)331-3874

**BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Proceeds will be going to St. John the Evangelist Ministries

